



# Evaluation of the GPM DPR Level2 algorithm over Canada

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### **Overview**

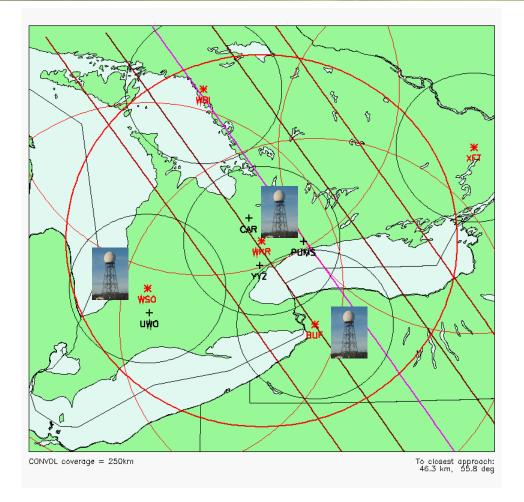
- Physical validation of DPR L2 products over Canada
  - Great Lakes area
  - Complex orography (OLYMPEX)
  - High latitudes (Arctic)
- Development of an integrated observing system that combines ground based, satellite and airborne observations
- Supports hydrological and NWP applications e.g. IMERG into Canadian Precipitation Analysis





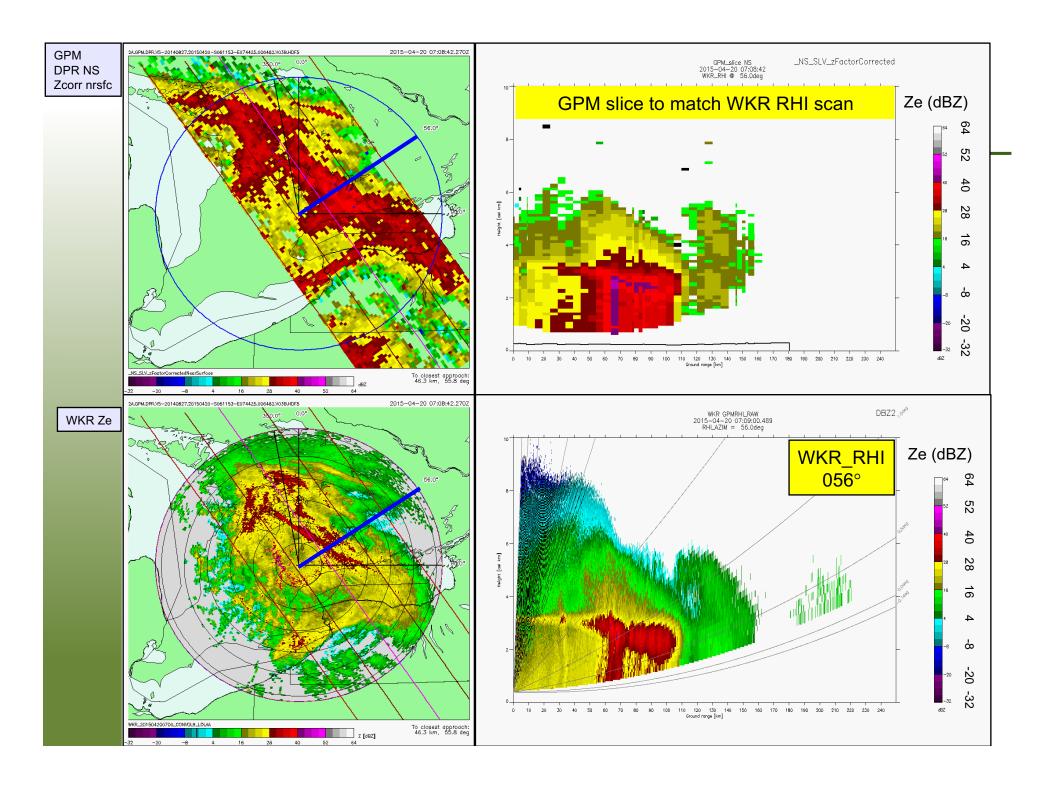


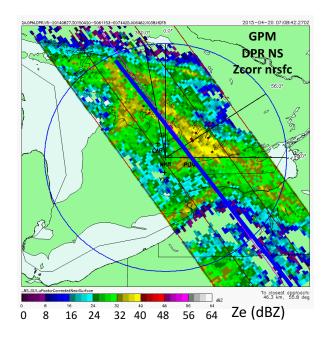
## Tier I Radar Studies

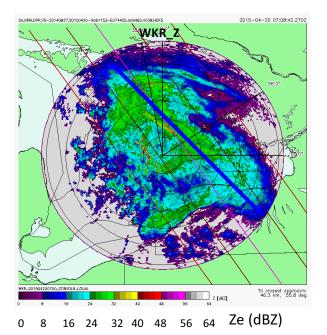


# GPM GV: WKR case library (115 up to June, 2016)

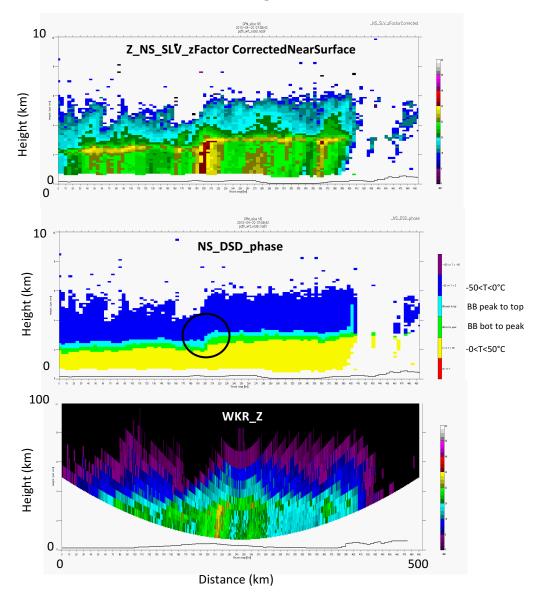
	Α	В	С	D	Е	F	G	Н	I	J	K	L	M	N	0	Q	R
1	CASE	<u>RHI</u>	granule	<u>GPM</u>	CONVOL	POLPPI	Wx class	<u>YYZ</u> (51459) temp	YBN (48649) temp	YOO (48649) temp	YKZ (4841/53678) temp	CARE BB hgt	CARE BB thk	GPM swath WKR	GPM swath CARE	GPM swath YYZ	GPM swath PUMS
40	2015-01-09 0423Z	224.0,240.0,30 4.0,352.0	4909				synoptic snow	-10.3	-10.8	-8.5	-10.3	-1.676	n/a	Ku	Ku	Ku	
41	2015-01-12 0322Z		4955		The state of the s		synoptic snow	-1	-3.6	-0.8	-1.5	-0.825	n/a	Ku	Ku	DPR	DPR
42	2015-01-24 2351Z	304.0,340.0,35 5.0,11.0	5155				mixed showers	-0.8	0.3	-1.5	-0.8	0.116	n/a				
43	2015-02-02 0537Z	56.0,83.0,110.0 ,125.0	5283				synoptic snow	-14.2	-16.2	-15.4	-15.5	-2.289	n/a	Ku	Ku		Ku
44	2015-02-04 2031Z	76.0,124.0,145. 0,214.0	5324				synoptic snow	-2.6	-6.3	-2	-2.8	-0.222	n/a	DPR	DPR	DPR	Ku
45	2015-02-07 0423Z		5360				snow showers	-5.2	-4.8	-4.9	-5.1	-1.596	n/a	Ku	Ku	Ku	
46	2015-02-12 1812Z	123.6,213.6,32 5.0,327.0	5447				lake effect snow	-14.9	-17.8	-15.5	-16.5	-2.427	n/a	DPR	DPR	DPR	Ku
47	2015-02-15 0204Z		5483				lake effect snow	-16.9	-19.1	-15.9	-17.5	-2.633	n/a			Ku	
40	2015-02-22 2350Z		5606				lake effect snow	-11	-14.7	-11	-11.4	-1.687	n/a				







#### Cross Section Along GPM Nadir

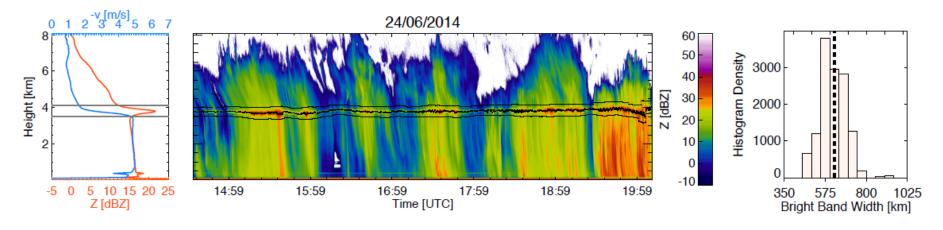


IV. Validation of GPM bright band detection using McGill vertically pointing radar

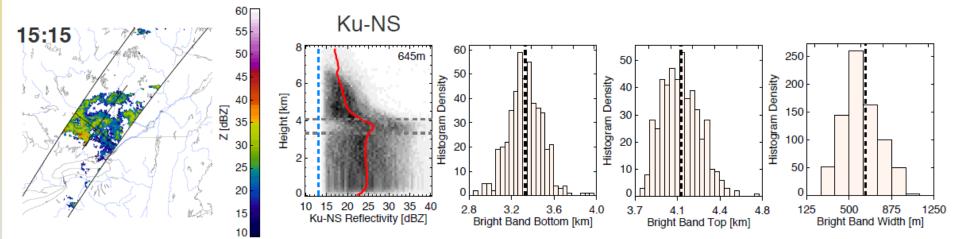
#### **GPM** bright band validation

Example case 24/06/2014

VertiX BB thickness - 624 ± 66m

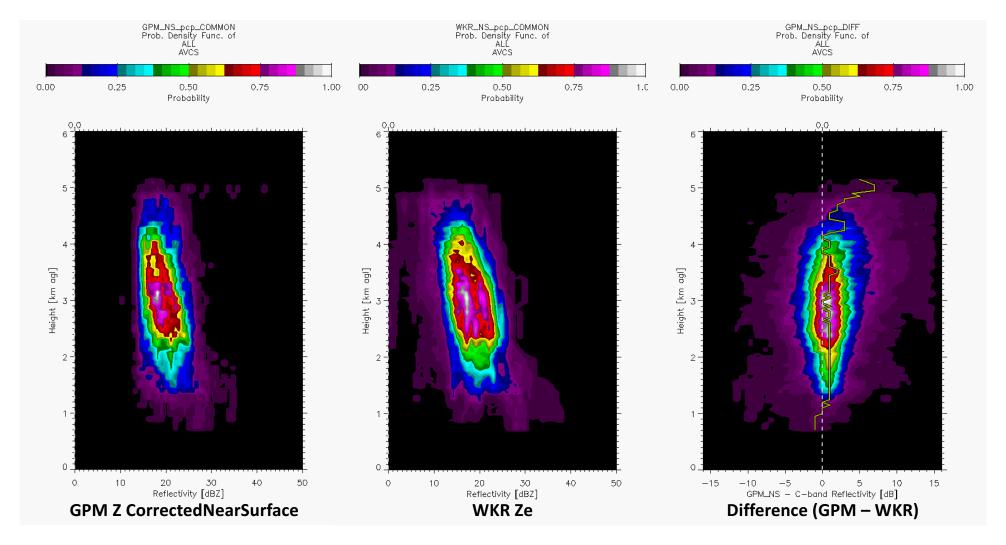


GPM BB thickness - 645 ± 198m



Courtesy Bernat Puigdomènech Treserras, McGill U.

## Snow Cases GPM vs WKR



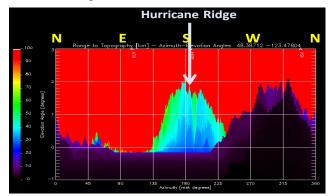






#### **Objectives**

 Contribute to microphysical studies of precipitation mechanisms over and to the lee of Hurricane Ridge



- 2. Evaluate GPM products in complex terrain
- Support model validation and data assimilation in Canada's operational and developmental NWP models

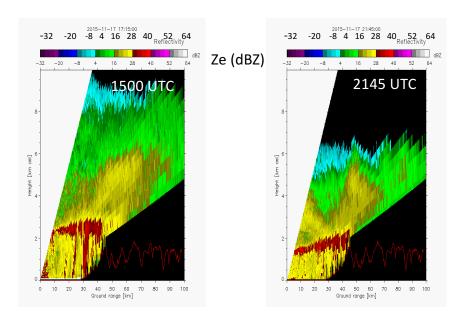
## ECCC Olympex data sets collected

Site	Dataset	Format	Status
Univ. of Victoria	Upper Air Soundings	Up to every 3-h during events 2-sec res ASCII tables	Real-time feed to Olympex data portal Raw Digicora .dc3db files also available
Albert Head	Surface station	1-min raw message capture  • Parsivel2 disdrometer  • Pluvio400 weighing gauge  • WXT520 compact wx station  • FD12P present wx system	Real-time feed to Olympex data portal Plots and csv time-series tables reprocessed and uploaded
Albert Head	Dual-pol X-band radar	SELEX Rainbow5 system 5-min cycle (3 PPIs, 5 RHIs + Birdbath) Base params (level 1A): • udBZ, dBZ, V, W, RhoHV, SQI, ZDR, uPHIDP Processed params (level 1B): • PhiDP Filtered and KDP Derivation • Dual-Pol based Attenuation Correction (dBZ, ZDR)	Level 1A (1 file per param) dataset forwarded to NASA  • Currently working on multi-param repacking and full ingest into ODIM_H5 format Rainbow re-ingest to produce level 1B params TBD

#### Warm Moist Flow and a Narrow Cold Frontal Rainband

**(**11/17/2015)

- Heavy rain over Hurricane Ridge
  - Warm-sector until 21:00
  - Bright-band descent (21:00-22:00) indicates cold frontal passage



Reflectivity

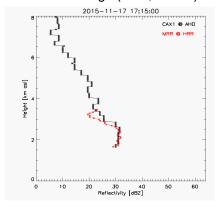
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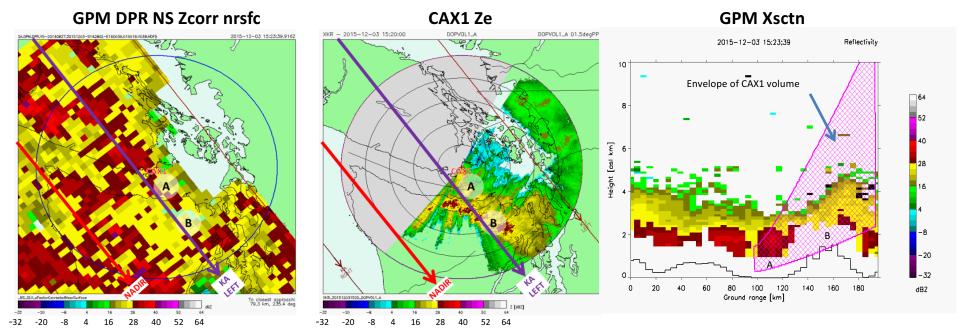
Time-height (HTI) cross-section, constructed from 5-min scans over Hurricane Ridge (181°, 41-km)



Vertical profile of Ze at Hurricane Ridge at 1500 UTC (CAX1 black, MRR red)

## **GPM** overpass

12/03/2015: GPM core observatory passed over Olympics during passage of complex baroclinic system



#### Comparison:

**A**:  $DBZ_{GPM} > DBZ_{CAX1}$  bright-band

**B**:  $DBZ_{GPM} < DBZ_{CAX1}$  ground clutter

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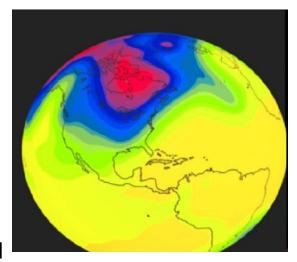


#### Year of Polar Prediction (Mid 2017 to mid 2019)

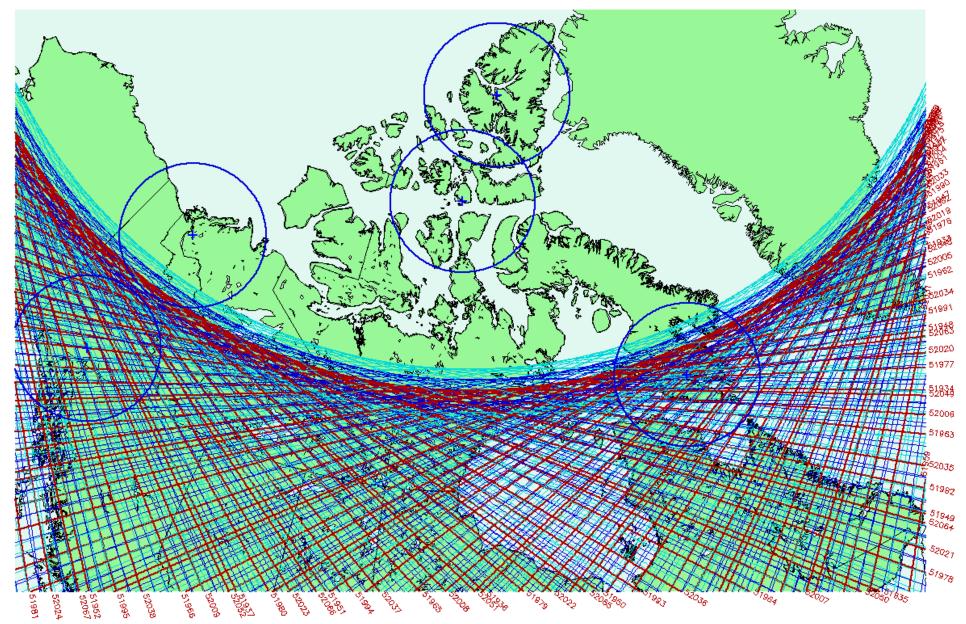
 a period of intensive observing, modelling, verification, userengagement and education activities.

<u>Overarching aim</u>: Improving weather and climate forecasting in the polar regions, through a better understanding of key physical processes and an improved representation of those processes within numerical weather and climate prediction systems.

- Arctic weather systems impact significantly the most populated areas in Canada
- Activity in the Northern areas of Canada is fast growing
- Relevant and reliable weather information is needed to protect people and the environment



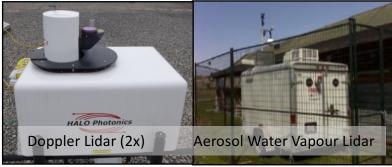
GPM: 10\_DAYS GPM: 2016-02-10



## **Iqaluit Supersite**

(Eastern Arctic, Coastal)







Radiometer Ceilometer







Precip Test site

### Whitehorse Supersite

(Western Arctic, Complex Terrain)



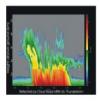


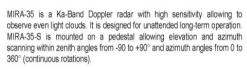


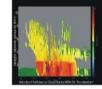
#### **Cloud Radar MIRA-35**

#### Typical Applications

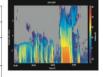
- Research in meteorology
- Wake vortex monitoring
- Icing hazard detection
- Cloud particle characterization Airports
- Eddy correlation fluxes
- Wind shear detection Synergy with other remote sensing instruments
- Fog detection and nowcasting
- Meteorological networks
- Research stations
- Industrial sites
- · Marine and offshore platforms
- Wind energy
   input for weather prediction
- Sport events





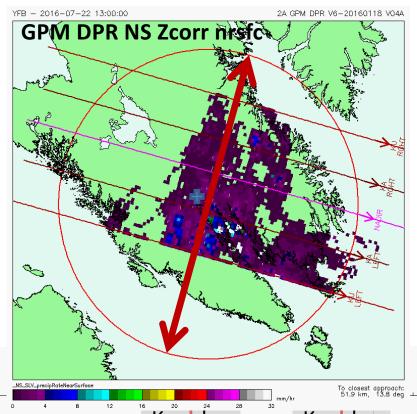


Transmit Frequency	33 – 37 GHz, 35.2 GHz recommended by ECC					
Peak Power / Average Power	30 kW / 30 – 60 W					
Sensitivity	- 53 dBZ (5 km range, 30 m range resolution and 10s time resolution, 1m antenna)					
Max. Measuring Range	Depending on pulse width and PRF up to 60 km					
Min. Measuring Range	150 m full sensitivity above 450 m					
Max. Number of Gates	1000					
Min. Time Resolution	0.1 s					
Beam Width	0.5° with 1 m and 0.3 with 2 m antenna					
Antenna Diameter	1 m, 1.2 m, or 2 m					
Pulse Width	100 – 400 ns					
Pulse Repetition Frequency	2.5 to 10 kHz					
Velocity Resolution	5 cm/s					
Polarization Parameters	Linear polarization on transmit, co and cross polarized signals are received simultaneously. LDR, and co-cross-correlation can be computed. Alternatively STAR mode can be provided.					
Dimensions of the radar electronics	Transmitter 19" Chassis 9 U, Receiver 4 U, PC 4 U (depth of all units 530 mm).					
Power consumption depending on the duty cycle	Radar: 950 W at 1/500 600 W at 1/1000 PC+DSP 150 W Air Conditioning 800 W for the vertically viewing and 1.6 kW for the scanning system.					

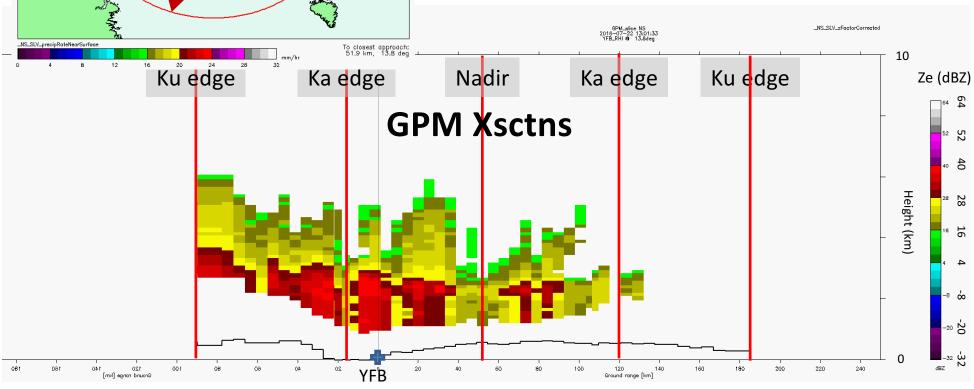


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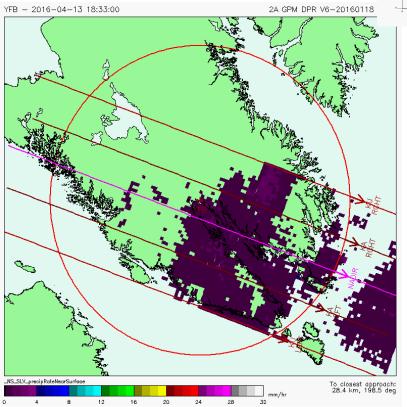


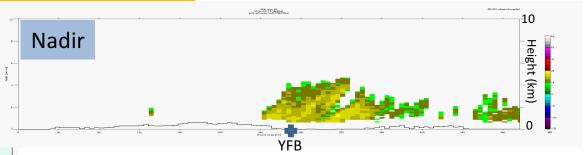
## **GPM over pass at Iqaluit (YFB)** 2016-07-22 1301 UTC



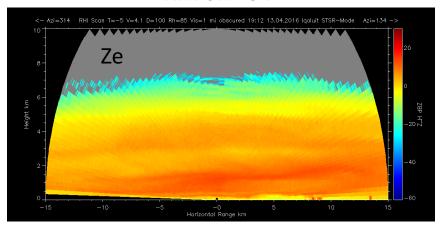
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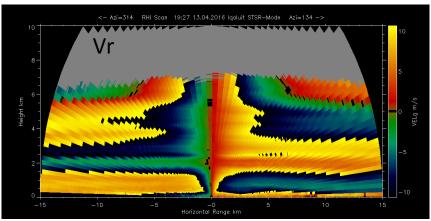






#### Ka-Band Radar at YFB RHI on 134°





## Summary

- Physical validation of DPR L2 products supports many **ECCC Strategic Objectives:** 
  - Assess quality of the GPM measurements in different climate regimes of Canada
  - Promote the development of hydrological applications making use of **GPM**
  - Support model validation and data assimilation in Canada's operational and developmental NWP models
  - Supports the development of an integrated observing system that combines ground based, satellite and airborne observations particularly in the Canadian Arctic (Year of Polar Prediction)







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